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**ST. LOUIS CITY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

ST. LOUIS, Missouri - David Jacobs pled guilty to federal child pornography charges, U.S. Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway, of the Eastern District of Missouri announced today.

According to the facts filed with the court, during an undercover online investigation in December 2005, an FBI agent downloaded suspected child pornography that was posted to a Usenet newsgroup by a subscriber to a Newsgroup Service Provider (NSP) account. Through further investigation, the subscriber to the NSP account was identified as David Jacobs.

On March 16, 2006, a federal search warrant was executed at Jacob's residence on Allen Market Lane, St. Louis. Numerous items were seized including a computer, several DVDs, and other computer media. A forensic analysis of those items revealed child pornography, i.e. images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Jacobs, 60, Allen Market Lane, St. Louis, 63104, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of child pornography. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber. Jacobs now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, when he is sentenced on August 9, 2007.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, and Assistant United States Attorney Reginald Harris, who is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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